

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9 and 13 are pending after entry of this paper. Claims 10-12 have been rejected. Claims 5-8, 10-12 and 14-17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the above claim cancellations and below remarks are respectfully requested.

Response to Objections in Specification

The Abstract and the Title sections of the application remain objected to because they are allegedly not descriptive of the elected invention (Office Action – page 2). Applicants respectfully disagree.

However, in order to expedite prosecution and without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter recited therein, applicants have amended the Title and the Abstract sections by replacing the term “non-plant” with the term “fungal” as suggested by the Examiner (Office Action – page 2). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the Title and the Abstract sections are respectfully requested.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement (Office Action – pages 3-4). Applicants respectfully disagree.

However, in order to expedite prosecution and without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter recited therein, applicants have cancelled claims 10-12. Thereby the rejection to claims 10-12 is now rendered moot.

Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the application as recited in the claims as presented herein and as acknowledged by the Examiner is allowable over the art of record, and respectfully request that the respective rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of this application. The applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance.

AUTHORIZATION

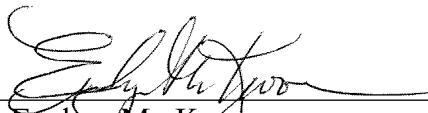
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 2119-4281US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 2119-4281US1.

Respectfully submitted,
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